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From: Commander, Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Keyport
To: Commander, Defense Logistics Agency, Defense Distribution Center, (Attn: "POP TEAM", DDC-TO), 2001 mission Drive, New Cumberland, PA 17070-5000

Subj: PERFORMANCE ORIENTED PACKAGING TESTING OF A 8 INCH BY 8 INCH BY 12 INCH GRADE V3C FIBERBOARD BOX, STYLE RCS WITH A 5.6 QUART TALL PAINT CAN, ROUND, STRAIGHT SIDED, FRICTION PLUG (LID) AND TAPED IN A CRISS-CROSSED PATTERN ACROSS THE CAN AND DOWN THE SIDES, CONTAINING A 1-QUART, WIDE MOUTH, ROUND, PLASTIC, BOTTLE, (QUANTITY OF 1) PACKING GROUPS I, II, AND III (SURFACE MODES ONLY)

Ref: (a) DDC memo of 28 Jan 04, Subj: Performance Oriented Tests to be performed in 2004

Encl: (1) Performance Oriented Packaging Testing of a 8 inch by 8 inch by 12 inch Grade V3c Fiberboard Box, Style RCS with a 5.6 Quart Tall Paint Can, Round, Straight Sided, Friction Plug (Lid) and Taped in a Criss-Crossed Pattern Across the Can and Down the Sides, containing a 1-Quart, Wide Mouth, Round, Plastic, Bottle, (quantity of 1) Packing Groups I, II, and III (Surface Modes Only) F037Grpt
(2) Package Drawing F037Gdwg
(3) Package Photograph F037Gpho

1. A request was made via reference (a) to conduct Performance Oriented Packaging (POP) tests on an 8 inch by 8 inch by 12 inch Grade V3c Fiberboard Box, Style RCS with a 5.6 Quart Tall Paint Can, Round, Straight Sided, Friction Plug (Lid) and Taped in a Criss-Crossed Pattern Across the Can and Down the Sides, containing a 1-Quart, Wide Mouth, Round, Plastic, Bottle, (quantity of 1) Packing Groups I, II, and III (Surface Modes Only). The POP tests are required to determine if these containers are suitable to transport hazardous materials.

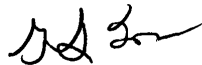
2. Six fiberboard boxes were subjected to the POP tests. The containers are required to meet the requirements specified by the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49 CFR part 178.

3. Enclosure (1) contains the POP test report, which is written in the form requested by the Defense Logistics Agency. Enclosure (2) contains an exploded drawing of the test configuration. Enclosure (3) contains a photograph of the test configuration.

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4. The test containers passed the required stacking, vibration, drop and water resistance POP tests. The damage that the containers suffered during the testing did not constitute a failure.

5. Questions or comments may be directed to Mr. R. Craig Webb, Code 2212, at DSN 744-4142 or commercial (360) 396-4142.



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Part 1. Report Cover

Report Number: **F037G**

Title: Performance Oriented Packaging Testing of a 8 inch by 8 inch by 12 inch Grade V3c Fiberboard Box, Style RCS with a 5.6 Quart Tall Paint Can, Round, Straight Sided, Friction Plug (Lid) and Taped in a Criss-Crossed Pattern Across the Can and Down the Sides, containing a 1-Quart, Wide Mouth, Round, Plastic, Bottle, (quantity of 1) Packing Groups I, II, and III (Surface Modes Only)

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Requesting Organization's Reference(s):

DDC memo of 28 Jan 04, Subj: Performance Oriented Tests to be performed in 2004

Part 2. Data Sheet

A. Exterior Shipping Container

UN Type: Fiberboard Box
UN Code: 4G
Specification Number(s): ASTM D5118, Style RSC, ASTM D 4727, Type CF, Class WR, Variety SW, Grade V3c
NSN 8115-00-281-3882, 400 Bursting Strength
Container Supplier: Tarrant County Assn. for the Blind, Ft. Worth, TX
Date of Manufacture: 5-04
Material: Corrugated Fiberboard
Container Dimensions: 8 inches by 8 inches by 12 inches
Closure (Type/Method): ASTM D1974, Sealing Method B (7-Strip Method),
Use 2-inch A-A-1830 Clear Tape on closure.
Closure Spec. Numbers: A-A-1830 Clear Tape, Clear Tape, 2-inch
NSN 7510-00-266-6715
Reinforcement (Method): Not required
Reinforcement Spec. #s: A-A-1687 Fiber Reinforced Tape, 1-inch
Absorbent Material: None

B. Intermediate Packaging of Combination Packaging:

Type: 1-5.6 Quart Tall Paint Can, Round, No Bail or Ears,
HAZMATPAC No. UN-116
NSN: N/A
Manufacturer/Distributor: HAZMATPAC, Inc.
Date of Manufacture: N/A
Manufacturer's Number: N/A
Capacity: 5.6 Quart
Dimensions: 6.5 inch O.D. x 10.5 inch height
Closure (Type/Method): Friction Plug (Lid), Lid size 5.5" wide (I.D.)
Secondary Closure: 2 pieces of tape, 1" filament reinforced, criss-
crossed over top of can and down sides

C. Inner Packaging of Combination Packaging:

Type: Round, Wide Mouth, Plastic Bottle, Catalog No.
36032
NSN: N/A
Manufacturer/Distributor: Freund Container Inc.
Date of Manufacture: N/A
Manufacturer's Number: N/A
Capacity: 1 Quart
Dimensions: 3.75 inch O.D. x 7.25 inch height
Closure (Type/Method): Plastic Lined Coated Cap, Cap size 2.25" wide
Secondary Closure: 1" Wide Filament Reinforced Tape, Medium
Tensile,

(Type/Method): Class B Transparent, 7510-00-582-4772, ASTM-D5330, Type II applied one and half times minimum around the bottle and overlapping the cap

- D. Actual Product: Not Used
 Test Product: Used (antifreeze/antifreeze gravel mix)
 UN Packaging Group: I
 Physical State: Liquid
 Amount per Container: 1 (2.2 lbs. each)
 (3.8 lbs. calculated for SP 1.8)
 Test Weight: 6.0 lbs. (2.7 kg)
 Calculated test weight based on specific gravity of
 1.8 is 7.7 lbs. (3.5 kg) with increased drop height
 Density/Specific Gravity: 1.0/1.8
 Drop Height: 106 in. (2.7 m)/71 in. (1.8m)
 Stacking Weight/Force: 500 lbs. (222 kg)
 Additional Description:
 1. Line the box with fiberboard pads, SW, 200 bursting strength, 4 sides,
 top and bottom (4 pads each)
 2. After filling bottle with liquid tighten cap and tape closure with fiber
 reinforced tape one and one half times around and down side of bottle.
 3. Wrap the bottle with bubble wrap, flat side to bottle, as needed to
 prevent movement
 4. Install friction plug lid and apply 2 pieces of 1” filament reinforced
 tape criss-crossed over the top of the can and down sides.
 5. Wrap the paint can in 4 Mil Polyethylene bag. Minimum size – 23
 inches wide by 27 inches high. Actual sized used – 18 in. wide x 30
 in. high.
 6. Twist the bag and tape closed. (Closure IAW MIL-D-6054F)
 7. Place can in padded fiberboard box and close using 7 strip method.

Part 3. Test Applicability:

A. Based on the drop height, computed stacking weight, and internal pressure maintenance, this test report is applicable for all surface modes of transportation including international and domestic (road, rail, and water) when the liquid hazardous substance intended for containment by the tested packaging is as described in this report. Transportation by commercial (cargo and passenger) or military air is not permitted. The appropriate packaging paragraph for the lading applies.

B. Pass/fail conclusions were based on the particular fiberboard box specimens, test loads, and the limited quantities submitted for test. Extrapolation to other materials, other manufacturers, other applications, different inner packagings, container sizes, or lesser inner quantities is the responsibility of the packaging design agency or applicable higher headquarters. Extrapolation of test results based on less than the minimum recommended number of test specimens is also the responsibility of the packaging design agency or applicable higher headquarters.

C. Reference to specification materials has been made based either on the information provided by the requester, the manufacturer, or the markings printed on, attached to, or embossed on the packaging.

D. Testing was performed per Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations except as noted in this report.

E. Performance testing was undertaken and completed at the request of an agency responsible for the shipment of dangerous goods. The successful completion of required performance tests does not, by itself, authorize the marking and transportation of the dangerous goods. Applicable modal regulations should be consulted concerning the relationship of performance testing completed and the dangerous goods.

F. Required performance tests are intended to evaluate the performance of the packaging components. The criteria used to evaluate packaging performance is whether the contents of the packaging are retained within the outer packaging, should damage to the outer packaging occur, and secondly, if any inner packaging of hazardous materials leaks, ruptures, or is damaged so as to affect transportation safety. The successful completion of the required tests does not ensure the undamaged delivery or survivability of the actual commodity/item.

G. Before a configuration can be certified by the person(s) authorizing shipment, the appropriate packaging for the particular hazardous lading and mode of transportation must be determined, and the item(s) must be prepared for

shipment per applicable regulations. The chosen configuration must have been performance tested in accordance with the size, the shape, and the weight constraints posed by the configuration to be certified. The testing reported herein should not be construed as blanket certification of any configuration that simply uses the performance tested package. Packaging paragraphs apply.

Part 4. Tests Required:

Packing Group I (greater danger) testing was requested for the above stated configuration. This configuration is intended to be applicable to a large assortment of liquid products contained in plastic bottles. These tests are designed to simulate the static loading, shock, and vibration a package (configuration) may encounter when being shipped worldwide by truck, rail, or ocean going transport. The order of testing was static loading, vibration, and drop, followed by water resistance testing.

A. Stacking Test:

Three containers are required, one test per container. Compression by a top load is calculated to simulate a stack of height of 3 meters, maintained for 24 hours, followed by testing the container stability by placing two loaded containers on top of the tested container for at least 1 hour.

B. Vibration Test:

Three sample packagings must be filled and closed as for shipment. The samples must be placed on a vibrating platform designed to simulate actual vibrations encountered during transportation. The packages should be constrained horizontally to prevent them from falling off the platform, but must be left free to move vertically, and bounce and rotate.

C. Drop Test:

Five drops, requiring 5 sample containers. First drop (using the first sample); the package must strike the target flat on the bottom. Second drop (using the second sample); the package must strike the target flat on the top. Third drop (using third sample), flat on the long side. Fourth drop (using fourth sample), flat on the short side. Fifth drop (using the fifth sample) on a corner. The drop height shall be appropriated or the packaging group of the commodity. The container shall strike the target, which shall be a rigid, non-resilient, flat, horizontal surface. For other than flat drops, the center of gravity shall be vertically over the point of impact.

D. Water Resistance Test (Cobb Method)

Many factors may affect water absorption by corrugated fiberboard. Among these

factors are abrasion, wear, flexure, improper storage, and age. These can greatly decrease the ability of the fiberboard to resist water absorption and result in higher than tested results. In addition, some fiberboard products are only treated on one side of the material, making the box construction method of increased importance. Usually, the water-resistant side is the smooth side. The shipper must take appropriate steps to ensure that the box is correctly constructed with the water-resistant side on the outside.

Part 5. Applicable Packing Group Test Requirements:

A. Stacking Test:

Apply the calculated static weight using a constant load evenly over the entire container.

$$M = \frac{m (3000-h)}{h}$$

where: m = container's gross mass (as shipped) in kilograms

h = container's height in millimeters

M = constant load mass in kilograms

or:
$$W = \frac{w (118-h)}{h}$$

where: w = container's gross weight (as shipped) in pounds

h = container's height in inches

W = constant load weight in pounds

Note: This test assumes similar weight containers stacked on top of the test sample. This may or may not be a valid assumption. This calculation also only provides a minimum weight. Consideration should be given to what will actually be experienced in the transportation cycle.

B. Vibration:

The test shall be performed for 1 hour at a frequency that causes the package to be raised from the vibrating platform to such a degree that a piece of material approximately 1/16 inch (0.2 cm) thick can be passed between the bottom of the package and the platform. The vibrating platform shall have a vertical double-amplitude (peak-to-peak) displacement of one-inch (2.54 cm). Test shall be performed in accordance to 49 CFR 173 Subpart B, Appendix C and 49 CFR 178.

C. Drop Test:

Solids and liquids, if the test is performed with the actual contents to be carried, or with another substance having essentially the same characteristics, or for liquids if the test is performed with water and the intended contents has a density of less than 1.2 g/cm³ (specific gravity less than 1.2) the drop height shall be:

<u>Packing Group</u>	<u>Drop Height</u>
I	1.8 m (70.9 inches)
II	1.2 m (47.2 inches)
III	0.8 m (31.5 inches)

Where the test sample doesn't contain the intended contents and its specific gravity is greater than 1.2, then obtain the required drop height in meters by calculating the following with product density (d):

<u>Packing Group</u>	<u>Drop Height</u>
I	(d) x 1.5 m or (d x 59.1 inches)
II	(d) x 1.0 m or (d x 39.4 inches)
III	(d) x .67 m or (d x 26.4 inches)

Round the drop height up to the first decimal.

D. Water Resistance Test (Cobb Method)

The Cobb Method of water resistance testing is spelled out in detail in the Technical Association of Pulp and Paper Industry (TAPPI) document T441. Test procedure, conditioning requirements, time of duration, test apparatus and equipment are all specified. These requirements can also be found in ISO 535 and ASTM 3285.

Part 6. Criteria for Passing Tests:

A. Stacking Test:

No test sample shall leak. Composite and combination containers shall not exhibit leakage of the filling substance from the inner receptacle or container. No test sample shall show any distortion liable to reduce its strength, cause stacking instability, or cause damage to internal container components likely to reduce transportation safety. The outer packaging must meet the stacking test requirements when empty in order to meet the variation 2 conditions.

B. Vibration Test:

Each packaging must be able to withstand the vibration test procedure without rupture or leakage. Immediately after testing each sample shall be turned on its side and observed for evidence of leakage. No test sample shall show any deterioration, which could adversely affect transportation safety, result in possible discharge of contents or reduce packaging strength.

C. Drop Test:

There must be no damage to the outer packaging likely to adversely affect safety during transport, and there is no leakage of the filling substance from the inner packaging.

D. Fiberboard Water Resistance Test (Cobb Method):

Strong, solid or double-faced corrugated fiberboard (single or multi-walled) must be used, appropriate for the capacity and the intended use of the box. The water resistant outer surface must not increase in mass greater than 155 grams per meter squared (0.0316 pounds per square foot) in accordance with International Standards Organization (ISO) 535 or Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry (TAPPI) T441 or ASTM D3285. Three individual fiberboard specimens shall be exposed on the wire side and another three on the felt side.

Part 7. Test Results and Discussion:

A. Stacking Test: PASS

Three empty boxes were stacked with 500 lbs. and maintained in that condition for a period of 24 hours with no visible damage or adverse effects. Three other boxes were then packed as described in Part 2 and again stacked with 500 lbs. for a period of 24 hours with no visible damage or adverse effects. The Variation 2 outer packaging stacking tests requirements were met.

B. Vibration Test: PASS

The three boxes packed as described above were subjected to the vibration test. Each was tested on a vibration table, which was set a 1-inch vertical double amplitude (peak-to-peak) displacement, at a frequency such that the fiberboard box was raised from the platform. The distance was measured using a 1/16-inch feeler gage. The frequency was set such that the feeler gage could be passed between the bottom of the package and the table surface. There was no damage or adverse effects in evidence to the fiberboard box or its contents.

C. Drop Test: PASS

One box, which was reused from both the stack and vibration tests, was dropped 106 inches (2.7 m) onto a two-inch thick steel impact plate. The box contained a bottle filled with antifreeze (specific gravity 1.0) hence the higher (106inches) drop height. This box was subjected to five drops as follows; flat on the bottom, flat on the top, flat onto the long side, flat on the short side, and finally on a corner. In addition, one box, which was reused from both the stack and vibration tests, was dropped 71 inches (1.8 m) onto a two-inch thick steel impact plate. The box contained a bottle filled with antifreeze and gravel (specific gravity 1.8) hence the normal (71inches) drop height. This box was

subjected to five drops as follows; flat on the bottom, flat on the top, flat onto the long side, flat on the short side, and finally on a corner. Each box was cold conditions for 72 hours at zero degrees Fahrenheit. There was minimal damage to the test loads. Except for minor denting of the impacted area, no adverse results were noted. Variation 2 testing requirements were met.

The decision to use the same container (configuration) for all drops was based on the relatively minimal damage demonstrated during previous testing. Five drops per fiberboard box exceeds 49 CFR 178.603 requirements, as well as both UN and ASTM recommendations (i.e., one drop diagonally onto a chime, one drop on the next weakest part, repeated using six samples total). The use of one configuration for multiple tests and drops is DOD policy as stated in draft regulation DLAR 4145.41/AR 700-143/AFR 71-5/NAVSUPINST 4030.55/MCO 4030.40, Packaging of Hazardous Material, the use of which was directed by MMDOS Letter 94-1 (same title), and its use extended by agreement during the DOD Performance Oriented Packaging Working Group meeting, Richmond, VA, 19-21 Sep 95.

D. Fiberboard - water resistance test (Cobb Method) PASS

The Cobb Method Test for water absorptiveness was performed on specimens cut from the boxes used in the (empty) stack test.

Three Specimens were tested on the exterior side. Average 125.6 g/m²

Values: 125.4 g/m² 123.7 g/m² 127.6 g/m²

Three Specimens were tested on the interior side. Average 122.9 g/m²

Values: 120.3 g/m² 121.5 g/m² 127.0 g/m²

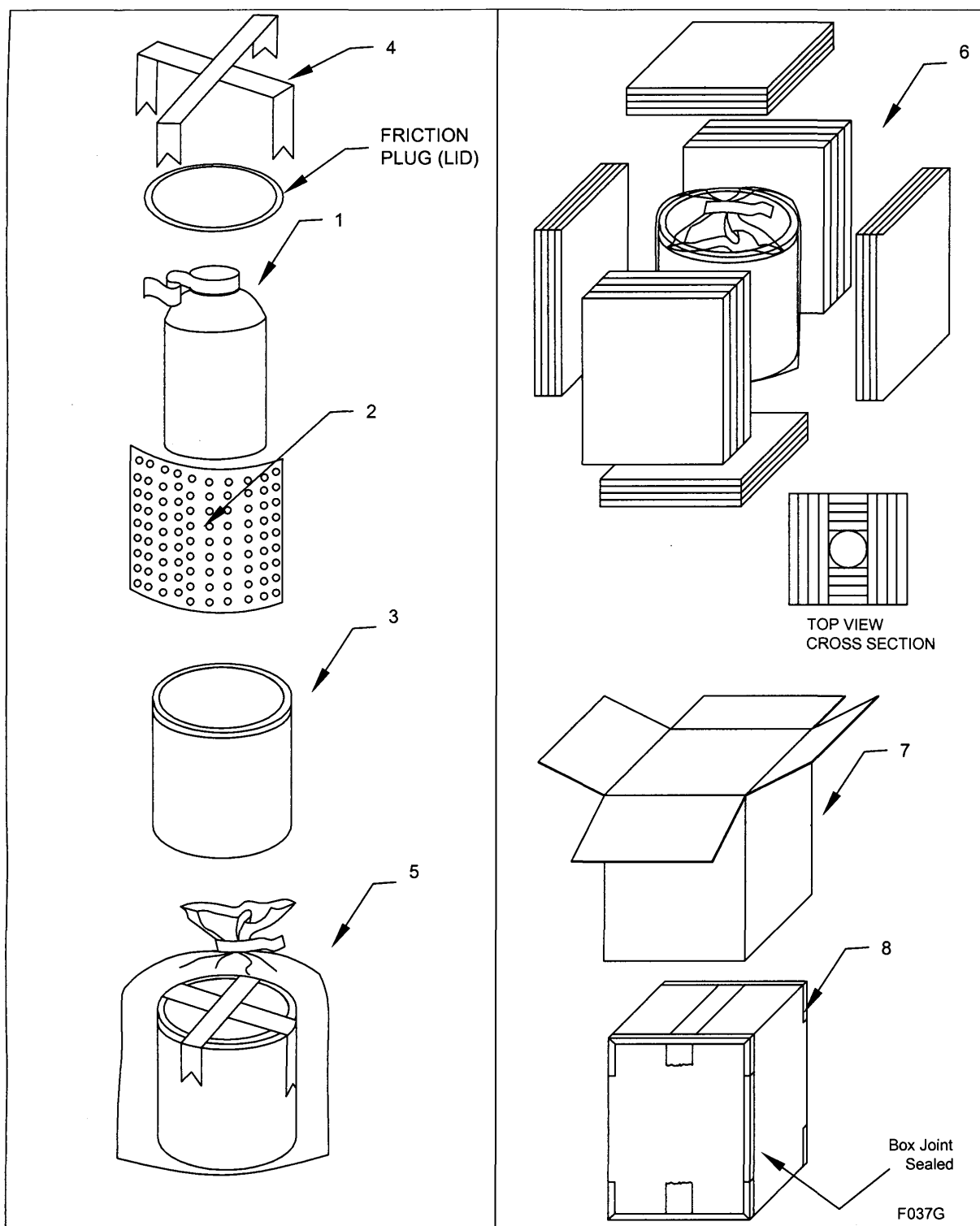
No specimens exceeded the 155 grams per square meter maximum limit.

Part 8. References:

- A. Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations
- B. International Air Transportation Association Dangerous Goods Regulations
- C. ASTM D 4919, Specification for Testing of Hazardous Materials Packagings
- D. ASTM D 999, Standard Method for Vibration Testing of Shipping Containers
- E. DLAD 4145.41/AR 700-143/AFJI 24-201/NAVSUPINST 4030.55A/MCO 4030.40A, Packaging of Hazardous Materials
- F. ISO 535/TAPPI T 441/ASTM 3285 – Determination of Water absorption of Paper and Board (Cobb Method)

Part 9. Distribution List:

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ITEM	DESCRIPTION
1	1-QUART, WIDE MOUTH, ROUND PLASTIC BOTTLE WITH CAP, FREUND NO. 36032, QTY. 1 1" WIDE FILAMENT REINFORCED TAPE, MEDIUM TENSILE
2	BUBBLE WRAP, FLAT SIDE TO BOTTLE, AS NEEDED TO PREVENT MOVEMENT
3	FRICION PLUG (LID), 5.6 QUART ROUND METAL CAN, QTY. 1
4	APPLY 2 PIECES of 1" FILAMENT REINFORCED TAPE, CRISS-CROSSED OVER THE TOP OF THE FRICION PLUG & DOWN SIDES OF CAN
5	4 MIL POLY BAG, MINIMUM 23 INCHES WIDE BY 27 INCHES HIGH, CLOSURE IAW MIL-D-6054F
6	FIBERBOARD PADS, SW, 200 BURST STRENGTH, 4 SIDES, TOP & BOTTOM (4 PADS EACH) POSITION IN FIBERBOARD BOX AS SHOWN
7	FIBERBOARD BOX, ASTM D-5118, STYLE RSC, 8" x 8" x 12" H, (GRADE V3C) NSN 8115-00-281-3882
8	2" WIDTH A-A-1830 CLEAR TAPE, NSN 7510-00-266-6715 ASTM D1974, SEALING METHOD B (7 STRIP METHOD)

Encl (2)



Encl (3)